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SUBJECT: NIE-32 ( Proposed substitute for Paragraphs 17-19)

17. Soviet propaganda, culminating in a statement by Stalin himself, has never varied from the assumption that an "imperialist" defeat in Korea is inevitable. A failure to accomplish this objective would have an adverse effect upon Soviet prestige and on Communist morale everywhere, particularly in the Far East. Furthermore, although no reliable information on Soviet-Chinese relations is available, it is conceivable that those relations may have become strained in consequence of the Korean war. If the campaign appeared about to end in failure as a result of insufficient Soviet support, moreover the strain might be such that the USSR would be obliged either to intervene effectively in Korea or give up the advantages of a firm alliance with China. ~~At~~ <sup>T</sup> this point may already have been reached. If so, or if it should be reached, the USSR might be obliged to accept even a grave risk of general war with the US in order to recoup its Far Eastern position. We believe therefore that the Soviet ~~state~~ <sup>stake</sup> in Korea is such that the USSR will pursue all feasible courses of action to prevent an unfavorable resolution of the conflict.

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Ray---

Your composite draft of paragraphs 15-21 of "ie-32 suits me to a model

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have any important objections. [REDACTED] will probably send some suggestions down

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to you. [REDACTED] probably are too busy to give it a careful reading,

but I think they'll agree without trouble. Anyhow, from my conversations, I

don't see any reason why you shouldn't go ahead and get this ready for the

Board---think you said they ought to have it at least tomorrow morning---this

afternoon, ~~relying on their work~~ and I don't think there'll be any opposition

from the team.

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My suggestion for the conclusions would be to substitute the last paragraph

20, your draft (omitting words "in view of all these considerations") for

conclusion 6 of the original.

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